GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
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FUNDS UNDER SCP & TSP FOR DEVELOPMENT OF SCS/STS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have been implementing various schemes and programmes under Special Component Plan(SCP) and Tribal Sub Plan(TSP)since 1978 for achieving overall development of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes which live below poverty line;

(b) if so, the details of schemes/programmes formulated/being implemented by his ministry under SCP and TSP since their commencement specifying nature, scope and target groups thereof; and

(c) the amount of funds requisitioned and procured by his ministry during Sixth, seventh, Eighth and Ninth Five Year Plans for such schemes/programmes?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM & CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) to (c) The Department of Tourism, Government of India has various plan schemes for development and promotion of tourism in the country. All schemes are in the nature of strengthening of infrastructure and for publicity and marketing of tourism and Human Resource Development. There is no separate allocation of funds for welfare ofSCs and STs under Special Component Plan and Tribal Sub Plan. However, SCs and STs are also benefited through the scheme like Development of Infrastructure for which funds are allocated to the State Governments by the Central Department of Tourism.

Under the scheme of Human Resource Development, The Department of Tourism imparts training to students through Hotel Management Institutes and Food Craft Institutes. The admissions to these Institutes are given on the basis of merit and reservation applicable to SC and ST candidates as per the Govt. policy.As far as the Department of Culture is concerned, there are no specific schemes/programmes under Special Component Plan (SCP) and Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP). However, there is one scheme relating to financial assistance for promotion of Tribal Folk Arts. The amount of funds under this scheme are provided to individuals and organisations for carrying out Research and Studies in respect of Tribal Folk Arts.